



THE PARISH OF ST JUDE

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Dear Bishop / Monsignor / Father

RE: ARCHDIOCESE MEDICAL FUND

Since the last quarter of 2020, the Archdiocese Medical Fund has been under tremendous financial strain due to hospitalizations and the ongoing medical treatments of clergy. In some instances, we did not have sufficient funds and as a consequence of this, as some priests have personally experienced, I have been unable process direct payments to medical vendors or to reimburse parishes or priests in a timely manner.

In addition, I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to those priests who have made and who continue to make contributions and donations to the Archdiocese Medical Fund. In this regard, I am deeply appreciative. To this end, Fr Mark Foster has decided to raise funds for the Medical Fund, hence, the purpose of this letter to you all. He will be undertaking a 30 kilometre walk from Simonstown to the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 27th February 2022 which he will commence at 06h00. His aim is to raise a minimum of R100 000 for the Fund and he requests that each parish or in some instances individual parishioners sponsor him.

May I request, that in the meantime, you advertise this venture by Fr Mark Foster in your respective parishes. Mindful that most priests will be celebrating Masses on that Sunday, he has asked that should any priest like to join him on part of the walk, he can contact him either on markfoster1@mweb.co.za or on 021 705 1506.

As a parish you may choose to collect these sponsorships or donations and to deposit them into the bank account of the Medical Fund or alternatively Parishes or parishioners may choose to transfer their donations directly to the Medical Fund Bank Account. Here are banking details of the medical fund:

Archdiocese Medical Fund
Standard Bank Account N° 071 248 110
Branch Code 02 09 09
Reference: Big Walk

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact either Fr Mark or myself.

Yours most sincerely,

Reverend Father Rohan Smuts
Administrator: Archdiocese Medical Fund

St Jude's Catholic Church – 49 Long Street, Vredenburg

St Helena – Church Ave, Veldrif

St Peter the Fisherman – Main Road, Laingville

Star of the Sea – Suffren Street, Langebaan

Mother of Mercy – Cnr Church & Windhoek Streets, Saldanha